

**Josh Billings on Infidelity.**

Did you ever hear of a man's renouncing Christianity on his death-bed, and turn infidel?

Gamblers, nor free-thinkers, haven't faith enough in the profession to teach it to their children.

No atheist, with all his boasted bravery, has ever yet dared to advertise his unbelief on his tombstone.

I never have met a free-thinker yet who didn't believe a hundred times more nonsense than he can find in the Bible anywhere.

It is always safe to follow the religious belief that our mother taught us—there never was a mother yet who taught her child to be an infidel.

A man may learn infidelity from books, and his associates, but he cannot learn it from his mother, nor the works of God that surrounded him.

If an infidel could only comprehend that he can prove more by his faith than he can his reason, his impudence would be much less offensive.

Unbelievers are always so red-dy and anxious to prove their belief, that I thought they might be just a little doubtful about it themselves.

The infidel, in his impudence, will ask you to prove that the flood did occur, when the poor idiot himself, can't tell what makes one apple sweet, and one sour or tell why a hen's egg is white, and a duck's egg blue.

When I hear a noisy infidel proclaiming his unbelief, I wonder if he'll send for some brother infidel to come and see him die. I guess not. He will be more likely to send the orthodox man who engineers the little brick church just around the corner.

**THE WAY HE WORKED IT.**—An ingenious young man whose appearance in society was not attended with the advantage which a display of the evidence of wealth affords, and who had been courting a New York girl for several weeks without making any visible progress, hit upon an expedient to aid the consummation of his hopes. Excusing himself at an unusually early hour one evening he rose to take his departure.

'Going so soon?' asked his fair enslaver elated at the prospect of his very early departure.

'Yes, I can't stay any longer. The fact is I have an engagement with my lawyer to-night to make some changes in my will.'

'Clara!' shouted her mother, who overheard the explanation, 'why are you so cruel to Mr. Smiley?

you know you love him.'

'Oh, mamma!' exclaimed the maiden, working up a blush, 'how could you give me away so! and with girlish abandonment she fell against the waistcoat of Mr. Smiley, who, as he caught her in his arms, mentally observed:

'I guess I'll pass for a daisy.'—  
**Brooklyn Eagle.**

**CONTEST OF WIT.**—He who enters into a contest of wit with a clergyman is likely to find his antagonist holding his own:

One day Dr. Whately, Archbishop of Dublin, was walking with a young officer of artillery who was allied to him in blood, when the latter propounded the following riddle:

'What is the difference between a donkey and an archbishop?'

Whately gave it up, and received the following reply, 'the one carries his cross behind, and the other before,' referring to the marks of the cross on the back of the domestic ass and on the apron of an archbishop.

'Very good, indeed,' laughed Whately. 'And now, can you tell me the difference between a donkey and a captain of artillery?'

'No, indeed, I cannot,' replied the officer.

'There is none whatever,' rejoined the archbishop.

**GUESSING HER AGE.**—In an Elevated Railroad car a modest looking man was conversing pleasantly with a well dressed woman, who, perhaps, might be called a young one, and the conversation grew social and familiar.

'You don't know how old I am,' said the lady.

'Haven't an idea,' the gentleman said.

'Well, now, just guess,' returned his companion, when the door opened and the conductor put his head in and shouted, 'forty-two.' The conversation was turned.—**N. Y. Sun.**

—He was sentimental and she was sensible, and both were on the veranda gazing at the comet. He sighed like a furnace and said: 'To me this world is so desolate; no one loves me.' And she, like an angel of mercy, replied in flute like tones: 'You are mistaken; God loves you—he loves all his creatures.' He went home before ten.

—A woman's brain is of finer quality than that of a man. Fineness of brain gives quickness of perception, and we see that illustrated in this: A woman can tell what another woman has got on at a glance, whereas a man might study the matter a year and be no wiser.

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Rabun Gap Junction.....	7 37 P M
Toccoa.....	8 15 P M
Seneca City.....	9 24 P M
Central.....	9 59 P M
Liberty.....	10 17 P M
Easley's.....	10 34 P M
Greenville.....	11 02 P M
Spartanburg.....	12 27 A M
Gastonia.....	2 29 A M
Charlotte.....	3 28 A M

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Arrive Gainesville.....	10 49 A M
Lula.....	11 17 A M
Rabun Gap Junction.....	11 59 P M
Toccoa.....	12 39 P M
Seneca City.....	1 45 P M
Central.....	2 31 P M
Liberty.....	2 52 P M
Easley's.....	3 07 P M
Greenville.....	3 35 P M
Spartanburg.....	4 54 P M
Gastonia.....	6 58 P M
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Spartanburg.....	5 14 A M
Greenville.....	6 36 A M
Easley's.....	7 11 A M
Liberty.....	7 30 A M
Central.....	8 04 A M
Seneca City.....	8 30 A M
Toccoa.....	9 50 A M
Rabun Gap Junction.....	10 35 A M
Lula.....	11 24 A M
Gainesville.....	11 52 A M
Atlanta.....	12 03 P M

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Leave Charlotte.....	1 12 P M
Arrive Gastonia.....	1 56 P M
Spartanburg.....	3 54 P M
Greenville.....	5 20 P M
Easley's.....	5 53 P M
Liberty.....	6 10 P M
Central.....	6 32 P M
Seneca City.....	7 05 P M
Toccoa.....	8 20 P M
Rabun Gap Junction.....	9 01 P M
Lula.....	9 35 P M
Gainesville.....	10 05 P M
Atlanta.....	12 23 A M

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Leave Gainesville.....	7 08 A M
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Depart Columbia at 6 40 a m 5 34 p m  
Due at Camden at 1 55 p m 8 35 "

**West (Daily except Sunday.)**

Depart Camden at 7 15 a m 4 15 p m  
Due at Columbia 11 40 " 10 35 "

**TO AND FROM AUGUSTA.****East (Daily.)**

Depart Columbia at 6 40 a m 5 34 p m  
Due at Augusta at 12 05 p m 7 10 a m

**West (Daily.)**

Depart Augusta at 6 08 a m 5 00 p m  
Due at Columbia at 11 40 " 10 35 "

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